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ITEM 3.14 "HEALTH ASSISTANCE TO REFUGEES AND DISPLACED  
PERSONS IN THE MIDDLE EAST"

REF: GENEVA 3751

1. TEXT OF USDEL STATEMENTS MAY 16 BEFORE COMMITTEE "B"  
ON ABOVE SUBJECT FOLLOWS. ITEM WAS STILL UNDER DISCUSSION  
AS THIS CABLE WAS PREPARED.

2. BEGIN TEXT: MR. CHAIRMAN,

MY DELEGATION IS DISTRESSED TO FIND THAT OUR  
COMMITTEE ONCE AGAIN THIS YEAR IS FACED WITH A DRAFT  
RESOLUTION ON THIS ISSUE THAT IN EFFECT FORCES THE MEMBERS  
OF OUR ORGANIZATION TO ADOPT POSITIONS ON ISSUES THAT ARE  
ESSENTIALLY POLITICAL AND THAT SHOULD BE DISCUSSED, AND  
HAVE BEEN DISCUSSED, IN OTHER FORUMS, AS THE DRAFT  
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RESOLUTION ITSELF CLEARLY INDICATES.

IT IS MY DEPEGATIONS VIEW THAT THE TENTENTIOUS  
LANGUAGE AND TERMS OF REFERENCE FOR FURTHER INVESTIGATION  
CONTAINED IN THIS RESOLUTION ARE MORE LIKELY TO DISCOURAGE  
THAN ENCOURAGE THE ISRAELI COOPERATION WITH WHO ON THIS  
ISSUE. LET ME EXPAND BY COMMENTING ON CERTAIN PARAGRAPHS

IN THE DRAFT RESOLUTION.

PREAMBULAR PARAGRAPH 3 SPEAKS OF THE REFUSAL OF THE OCCUPYING AUTHORITIES TO GRANT PERMISSION TO VISIT THE OCCUPIED ARAB TERRITORIES. WHILE IT IS CLEAR THAT SUCH PERMISSION HAS NOT YET BEEN OBTAINED, THE PROGRESS REPORT OF THE SPECIAL COMMITTEE OF EXPERTS ITSELF DOES NOT INDICATE THAT IT HAS BEEN REFUSED. IT IS ALSO CLEAR THAT THE SPECIAL COMMITTEE DID NOT RECONSTITUTE ITSELF UNTIL 4 MONTHS AGO, IN JANUARY, AND THAT IN ITS SUBSEQUENT EXCHANGES WITH THE ISRAELI AUTHORITIES A DELAYING FACTOR WAS THE NEED SEEN BY THE LATTER TO DEFINE THE TERMS UNDER WHICH THE SPECIAL COMMITTEE IS TO CARRY OUT ITS MANDATE.

MY DELEGATION BELIEVES, MR. CHAIRMAN, THAT THE SWEEPING MANDATE GIVEN TO THE SPECIAL COMMITTEE BY THIS ASSEMBLY LAST YEAR COULD REASONABLY BE EXPECTED TO RAISE IN THE MINDS OF THE OCCUPYING POWER QUESTIONS OF THIS KIND. THE FACT THAT THEY WERE NOT RESOLVED IN THE 3-1/2 MONTHS PRECEDING OUR ASSEMBLY IS UNFORTUNATE, BUT WE DO NOT SEE IN THE SPECIAL COMMITTEE'S REPORT ANY PARTICULAR EVIDENCE OF DELIBERATE DELAYING TACTICS BY THE ISRAELI AUTHORITIES. CONSEQUENTLY, MR. CHAIRMAN, MY DELEGATION DOES NOT BELIEVE THAT THE PREMISE OF PREAMBULAR PARAGRAPH 3 IS CORRECT.

MR. CHAIRMAN, PREAMBULAR PARAGRAPH 5 OF THE DRAFT RESOLUTION ALSO DISTURBS MY DELEGATION. IT IS A UNCLASSIFIED

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POLITICAL STATEMENT THAT HAS ITS PLACE, AND SHOULD BE DISCUSSED, IN OTHER, MORE APPROPRIATE BODIES OF THE UN SYSTEM.

PREAMBULAR PARAGRAPHS 5 AND 7, MR. CHAIRMAN, CONTAIN ALLEGATIONS MY DELEGATION BELIEVES TO BE UNFOUNDED. IN FACT, IS IT NOT IN ORDER TO ASCERTAIN WHAT THE FACTS ARE THAT THE SPECIAL COMMITTEE OF EXPERTS HAS BEEN NAMED?

OPERATIVE PARAGRAPH 1, MR. CHAIRMAN, WITH ITS REFERENCE TO ISRAELI "PROCRASTINATION AND OBSTINACY" AND "OBSTRUCTION" REFLECTS AN INTERPRETATION OF WHAT HAS TRANSPIRED BETWEEN THE SPECIAL COMMITTEE AND THE ISRAELI AUTHORITIES IN THE 3-1/2 MONTHS THAT FOLLOWED THE RECONSTITUTION OF THE SPECIAL COMMITTEE THAT MY DELEGATION DOES NOT SHARE, AS IT HAS ALREADY INDICATED.

OPERATIVE PARAGRAPH 4, MR. CHAIRMAN, INVOKES, SOMEWHAT OBLIQUELY BUT NEVERTHELESS VERY CLEARLY, THE

POSSIBLE CONSIDERATION, IN DUE COURSE AND UNLESS THE SPECIAL COMMITTEE'S WIDE MANDATE IS FULLY RESPECTED BY ISRAEL, OF ARTICLE 7 OF OUR CONSTITUTION. THE ALLUSION IS NOT NEW. IT WAS IN THE RESOLUTION THAT WAS ADOPTED BY THIS COMMITTEE LAST YEAR. NEVERTHELESS, MY DELEGATION FINDS THE IMPLIED THREAT UNACCEPTABLE ON THE BASIS OF THE FACTS THAT HAVE BEEN PRESENTED TO THIS COMMITTEE BOTH LAST YEAR AND NOW.

MR. CHAIRMAN, THE 6TH OPERATIVE PARAGRAPH OF THE DRAFT RESOLUTION BEFORE US SPEAKS OF THE CONTINUED COLLABORATION BETWEEN WHO AND THE PLO IN PROVIDING TECHNICAL AND MATERIAL ASSISTANCE TO RAISE THE LEVEL OF HEALTH OF THE PALESTINIAN POPULATION. THE POSITION OF MY GOVERNMENT CONTINUES TO BE, AS OUR DELEGATION STATED IN THIS COMMITTEE LAST YEAR, THAT SUCH AID SHOULD BE CHanneled THROUGH UNRWA.  
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OPERATIVE PARAGRAPH 9, MR. CHAIRMAN, CALLS FOR THE SUBSTITUTION FOR THE PRESENT TITLE OF THIS AGENDA ITEM OF A TITLE WHICH REFERS TO "PALESTINE" AS ONE OF THE "OCCUPIED ARAB TERRITORIES." THE REFERENCE TO PALESTINE IN THIS CONTEXT UNACCEPTABLY EXPANDS THE SCOPE OF FURTHER INVESTIGATION TO AN ENTITY NOT INTERNATIONALLY RECOGNIZED AS A STATE. MY DELEGATION ALSO BELIEVES THAT THE NEW TITLE, EVEN IF THE REFERENCE TO PALESTINE WERE DROPPED, WOULD NOT BE AN ADEQUATE SUBSTITUTE FOR THE PRESENT TITLE. IT SEEMS TO US THAT IT WOULD NARROW THE SCOPE OF THE COMMITTEE'S AREA OF CONCERN WHICH, AS WE KNOW, HAS INCLUDED REFUGEES AND DISPLACED PERSONS IN NEIGHBORING COUNTRIES. WE BURTHER BELIEVE THAT PARAGRAPH 9 OF THE DRAFT RESOLUTION FURTHER AND UNNECESSARILY COMPLICATES THE WHOLE ISSUE OF THE CARRYING OUT OF THE SPECIAL COMMITTEE'S MANDATE.

MR. CHAIRMAN, MY GOVERNMENT WITH OTHERS IS SERIOUSLY AND UNREMITTINGLY TRYING TO HELP ACHIEVE A JUST AND LASTING PEACE IN THE MIDDLE EAST. PARAGRAPH 9 OF THE DRAFT RESOLUTION CAN ONLY SERVE TO COMPLICATE AN ALREADY DIFFICULT PROCESS. IT WOULD INDEED BE UNFORTUNATE, MR. CHAIRMAN, IF THIS WERE TO TAKE A DECISION THAT WOULD HAMPER RATHER THAN PROMOTE THIS PROCESS.  
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